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1. WE HAVE PASSED TO BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR
LATERAL TRANSMISSION TO UK EMBASSY LUANDA FOLLOWING TEXTS
FOR DELIVERY TO NYERERE PARTY. TO ENSURE AGAINST SLIPPAGE,
SUGGEST YOU PASS TO APPROPRIATE TANGOV OFFICIALS.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR JUNE 9 BRIEFING:

Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO NYERERE'S CRITICISM OF RECENT
EVENTS IN SHABA AND US/AFRICAN POLICY?

A. WE REGRET THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS MISINTERPRETER OUR
ACTIONS AND GOALS IN AFRICA. CERTAINLY THE US HAS NO DE-
SIRE TO ESTABLISH ZONES OF INFLUENCE OR IMPOSE ANY FORM OF
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WESTERN DOMINANCE. AS PRESIDENT CARTER SAID ONLY TWO DAYS
AGO IN HIS ANNAPOLIS SPEECH, WE "WANT TO SEE A CONTINENT
THAT IS FREE OF THE DOMINANCE OF OUTSIDE POWERS, FREE OF
THE BITTERNESS OF RACIAL INJUSTICE, FREE OF CONFLICT, AND
FREE OF THE BURDENS OF POVERTY, HUNGER AND DISEASE."

Q. WHAT EFFECT WILL NYERERE'S REMARKS HAVE ON US/

BRITISH ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM?

A. A SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IS AT THE TOP OF OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE IN THESE EFFORTS AND WE HOPE THAT HIS COOPERATION CAN CONTINUE.

Q. NYERERE CLAIMS THAT ONLY THE OAU COULD ESTABLISH A PAN-AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE AND FOR EUROPEANS TO TALK ABOUT DOING SO IS AN INSULT TO AFRICA. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT WE FAVOR AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE POWERS. PRESIDENT CARTER COMMENTED ON THIS DURING THE ANNAPOLIS SPEECH WHEN HE STATED IN REFERENCE TO THE SHABA SITUATION: "I AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT AFRICAN EFFORTS TO CONTAIN SUCH INTRUSIONS."

3. VOICE OF AMERICA, JUNE 9/10:

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAYS THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THAT TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE HAS APPARENTLY MISINTERPRETED AMERICAN ACTIONS AND GOALS IN AFRICA. THE TANZANIAN LEADER THURSDAY ACCUSED THE WEST OF USING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN AND SOVIET MILITARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA AS AN EXCUSE TO DOMINATE THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

THE US SPOKESMAN SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS NO DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A ZONE OF INFLUENCE OR IMPOSE WESTERN DOMINATION IN AFRICA. HE SAID PRESIDENT CARTER EMPHASIZED THIS POINT DURING HIS SPEECH EARLIER THIS WEEK AT THE US NAVAL ACADEMY. VANCE

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